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TAGS:OVIP, SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DAILY PRESS BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, MAY  
19, 1976

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS  
FROM THE PRESS AT DAILY BRIEFING:

1. MEETINGS WITH WHITE LEADERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA:

-- SECRETARY IS ON RECORD AS SAYING US EXPECTS TO BE IN  
CONTACT WITH LEADERS IN BOTH BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL  
AS WHITE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES OR WITH SOUTHERN  
AFRICAN REGIMES.

-- SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP BEGAN PROCESS WHICH CAN LEAD  
TO BLACK-WHITE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MODUS VIVENDI.

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-- WE ARE CONSIDERING STEPS THAT WILL HELP GET THE PARTIES  
BACK TO NEGOTIATIONS.

-- KNOW OF NO INITIATIVES PLANNED DURING CURRENT TRIP.

-- US CONTACTS WOULD BE DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

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-- WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE SMITH REGIME AND DIRECT MEETING  
(AS OPPOSED TO CONTACT) WITH SMITH REGIME WOULD BE RULED  
OUT. (SPOKESMAN STUCK THROUGHOUT TO DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
"MEETING" AND "CONTACT.")

-- VORSTER REPRESENTS A GOVERNMENT WE RECOGNIZE (WITHOUT  
SPECULATING AS TO WHAT CONTACTS MIGHT BE PLANNED, SPOKES-  
MAN DID NOT RULE OUT VORSTER MEETING).

-- SPOKESMAN KNOWS OF NO SPECIFIC PLANS FOR CONTACT.

3. LEBANON: AMBASSADOR MELOY IS OF COURSE AVAILABLE  
TO ASSIST PARTIES TO DISPUTE IN EFFORT FIND SOLUTION  
TO LEBANON CONFLICT.

3. ANGOLA: KNOW OF NO REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MONROVIA  
REMARKS RE RECOGNITION HAVING BEEN RECEIVED. ARE NOT  
AWARE OF US PLANS FOR ANGOLA CONTACTS OR ANY CHANGE  
IN US THINKING RE RECOGNITION.

4. WEST BANK: DO NOT KNOW OF ANY US DIPLOMATIC ACTION.  
HOWEVER, WE DEPLORE VIOLENCE WHICH INCREASES IRRITATION  
AND MAKES PEACEFUL SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT. DO NOT  
KNOW WHETHER SUBJECT CAME UP IN SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH  
DINITZ. HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD OF FURTHER ISRAELI CLARI-  
FICATION SINCE LAST WEEK.

5. US REPRESENTATIONS TO ETHIOPIA ON USE OF US WEAPONS:  
MATTER IS TOO SENSITIVE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT WE  
FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE HAVE CONVEYED OUR POSITION  
TO GOE AND INSURGENTS. KNOW OF NO PARTICULAR US PLAN  
FOR SOLUTION OF CONFLICT. SUPPLY OF US ARMS TO ETHIOPIA  
IS LONG STANDING PROGRAM. NO INDICATION AT WHAT POINT  
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WE WOULD DECIDE TO CHANGE THIS IF FIGHTING CONTINUES.  
NO INDICATION AT MOMENT OF CHANGE IN US ARMS FLOW.

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